

REMARKS

Applicants are filing a U.S. Non-Provisional Application under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) based upon German Application No. **DE 103 02 251.1**. Applicants enclose an English language translation of the German Application since the subject priority application was filed in the German language. Applicants set forth that nothing that could be construed as new subject matter was added to the application in preparing the English language translation. In support of such, Applicants enclose a "Declaration" wherein the translator sets forth that to the best of his knowledge, the English language translation is a true and complete translation of German Application No. **DE 103 02 251.1**.

Applicants make certain amendments to the English language translation by way of enclosing an entire substitute specification to have this U.S. Non-Provisional Application comply with USPTO rules, practice and procedure. In particular, Applicants have inserted the following headings: **Prior Applications** (with language identifying the priority German Application), **Background of the Invention**, **1. Field of the Invention** and **2. Description of the Prior Art** on page 1 of the substitute specification, **Summary of the Invention** on page 2 of the substitute specification, and **Description of the Drawings and Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiment** on page 3 of the substitute specification.

Applicants further amended an incorrect reference numeral (an inadvertent typographical errors) found on page 2 of the English language translation relating to the description of Fig. 1. In the second full paragraph, line 2, of the English language translation the reference numeral "16" should be noted as reference numeral "6" (the central piece) and has been amended in the substitute specification on page 3, line 22 (support for this correct reference numeral is clearly seen in Fig. 1). Still further, Applicants have amended the Abstract to remove the reference numerals and the bracketed reference to Fig. 1 found at the bottom of the Abstract, neither of which are required under USPTO rules. Also, proper

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antecedent basis for the elements listed in the Abstract has been provided, which again is more consistent with USPTO rules, practice and procedure. A request is additionally made to insert the title of the invention directly above the heading entitled Abstract on page 10 of the substitute specification, a requirement under US procedure.

Applicants have also canceled page 4 entitled "Reference Numerals List" from the substitute specification given that such a list is not required by the USPTO, and was done to provide consistency with USPTO rules, practice and procedure. Applicants also amended the description of the two figures to have it comply with a description more typically found in a U.S. application and can be found on page 3 of the substitute specification. Finally, Applicants amended the English language translation to add a short description of elements 9 and 10 (the measuring elements) which can be found on page 5, lines 11-12 of the substitute specification (support for which is clearly seen in Fig. 1 and the List of Reference Numerals of the English language translation).

Applicants have also added pre-ample language directly underneath the **Claims** heading found on page 7 of the substitute specification. This type of pre-ample is typically used in U.S. applications. Finally, Applicants have placed the substitute specification on letter-sized pleading paper and have included line numbering through out the specification and on the Abstract, but excluded the line numbering on the Claims, a format for a U.S. application which is understood by Applicants to be appreciated by the USPTO.

Finally, Applicants submit a new set of drawings (Figs. 1 and 2) which conform to the rules for Standards of Drawings set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.84. Nothing was added in these "formalized" drawings which could be construed as the introduction of any new subject matter.

Applicants respectfully point out that none of the aforementioned amendments made herein by way of submission of the substitute specification and formalized drawings could be

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construed as the introduction of any new subject matter.

Applicants have canceled claims 1-6 from the English language translation and have substituted a new set of claims numbered 7-15 found in the substitute specification. This was done to completely eliminate all multiple dependent claims used in the German Priority Application and to place the claims in a format that complies with USPTO rules, practice and procedure. New Claims 7-15 follow the exact subject matter of that which is claimed in canceled Claims 1-6 but are written in a manner more acceptable to the USPTO. For instance, the word "characterized" that is often used in European applications was removed and replaced with the word "comprising".

Applicants respectfully request that the filing fee be calculated based upon the new set of claims numbered 7-15 wherein **NO MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS** are used, only 1 (one) independent claim is included with the total number of claims being 9 (nine). Again, nothing in these new set of claims has been added that could possibly be construed as the introduction of any new subject matter.

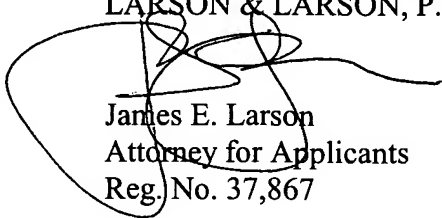
Applicants finally wish to point out that the aforementioned amendments were done to better encompass the full scope and breadth of the invention under USPTO rules, practice and procedure. Notwithstanding, Applicants believe that the claims of the English language translated German Priority Application would have been allowable if not canceled and re-written in this Preliminary Amendment.

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